

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORSFriday, December 30, 2022
Workshop

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman, Richard DeLong; Chief William McEllroy; Manager/Treasurer/Secretary Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Samantha Hartman and Road Master Michael Quick and local residents. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 9:06 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation:

- Dale Stoudt expressed concerns with the dump truck used for salt/plow on the roads based on the sound it makes going past his house.
- Dorothy McLaughlin asked about her request to increase the tax certification fee.

General Discussion:

- Richard expressed concerns with the IRS mileage reimbursement rate and would like to see the reimbursement rate lower. The Supervisors will vote on setting the mileage reimbursement for the Township at the Re-Organization meeting.
- Discussion on Township Engineer options, prices, and how to control costs. Gene Schappell, Michael Quick, and Monica Flower expressed their concerns with the current Engineer and their reason for wanting to change Engineers. The Supervisors will vote on choosing a new Engineer for the Township at the Re-Organization meeting.
- Discussion on drafting a new Burning Ordinance, the Ordinance is not ready to present to the Board of Supervisors by the solicitor. The new Burning Ordinance will be written to include all existing Burning Ordinances in the addition to the updates the Supervisors want to include. Chief McEllroy states in the mean time complaints of burning need to be reported to the Tilden Township Police Department immediately/as soon as possible.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to amend the agenda to include a discussion and decision on the Draft Solar Farm Ordinance. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

- The Drafted Solar Farm Ordinance being discussed was drafted by the current Township Engineer (Carbon Engineering). Which was done by the request of the Planning Commission without the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

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A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to send a letter to the Planning Commission members regarding the invoice received from Carbon Engineering for unauthorized services. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

- The invoice from Carbon Engineering amounted to \$3700 for 32 hours of time provided by the Township Engineer to draft the Solar Farm Ordinance without the Board of Supervisors approval.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORKSHOP FOR PERSONNEL.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

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Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary